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*Committee on Arrangements.* Drs. F. R. Burnham, H. N. Goff and J. A. Parker were then nominated, and there being no other nominations, it was regularly moved, seconded and carried that the Secretary cast the ballot of the House of Delegates for Drs. Burnham, Goff and Parks.

The minutes were then read and approved as read, and there being no further business, the House of Delegates adjourned sine die.

PHILIP MILLS JONES,  
Secretary.

## REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

### *Mr. President and Delegates:*

Your Council begs leave to hand you the following report of the work which has come before their attention during the past year.

Owing to the general confusion which followed the catastrophe of last April, no meeting of the Council was held until August 22nd. At this time Dr. J. H. Parkinson was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Dr. Thomas Ross.

The Council considered very carefully the advisability of recommending that the President call a meeting of the House of Delegates, but it was urged that as all the San Francisco members had suffered very severely, it would hardly be justifiable to place them under the expense of attending a special meeting, if the absolutely necessary work could be done otherwise. As the By-Laws state that all officers shall hold until their successors are elected and qualified, there appeared to be no good reason why these officers could not hold over until the present annual meeting.

A ballot of the House of Delegates was taken on the recommendation that the next place of meeting be Del Monte, that the assessment be fixed at \$3.00 for the year 1907, and that the recommendation of the Council, to the effect that no special meeting be held, be sanctioned. These motions were approved by the Delegates practically unanimously.

Some members of the Council advised with the Secretary early in May, 1906, as to the resumption of the business of the Society, and authorized the Secretary to order furniture and supplies for the rehabilitation of the office of the Society, which action was subsequently confirmed unanimously by the Council in session.

The loss to the Society by the fire of last April was very serious, exceeding \$3,000.00. The actual financial loss, however, was by no means the most serious, as all of the records of the Society, with the exception of the minutes of the Council and the account books, contracts and vouchers, were destroyed. Up to the present time these records have been but partly re-established, as the expense of reconstructing the card file of physicians is one that

the Council has not felt that the Society could yet afford. The work should be undertaken at the earliest possible time.

In October, Dr. J. L. Asay resigned from the Council, and Dr. A. E. Osborne was elected to fill his place.

Donations from Los Angeles, \$913.00; King County, Washington, \$106.00, and Marin County, \$25.00, were received by the Council for the State Society, and the thanks of the Council were extended to the donors. This assistance aided very materially in carrying on the work of the Society until the end of the year, when the income for 1907 began to come in.

In March, after the passage and approval of the new law governing the practice of medicine in this State, and the State Board of Medical Examiners requested the Council to designate the ten nominees from which list the Governor was to appoint five to act upon the Board of Medical Examiners. It was stated to your Council that the various other Societies entitled to representation on the Board of Examiners, did not hold their meetings until after the 1st of May, on which date the new Board is required by law to complete its organization. Consequently, these Societies had appointed their nominees through the several Councils or Executive Committees of their respective Societies. It was further urged that the nominees should be placed before the Governor at the earliest possible date, so that the personnel of the Board might be known, and a preliminary meeting for organization held in April, immediately after the session of the present Board.

In view of these facts, your Council, while it did not care to assume the responsibility of directly making the nominations to the Governor, instructed the Secretary to take a ballot by mail of the House of Delegates, and to expedite this ballot, submitted to the Delegates ten nominees.

The recommendation in this case was approved by the House of Delegates. The nominees submitted in the postal ballot and elected are the following: Dudley Tait, G. F. Reinhardt, A. L. Cothran, John C. King, J. Henry Barbat, F. C. E. Mattison, Barton J. Powell, J. W. James, Langley Porter and Saxton Pope. Sixty-three votes were cast out of a total of ninety delegates.

Considering the financial statement prepared by the auditor who examined the Secretary's books and accounts, as closed on the 31st of December, and found them to be correct in all particulars, your attention is called to several items.

You will note the overdraft of \$450.56. This overdraft was apparent, and not actual. There was not sufficient funds to pay all the running expenses, so the Secretary consented to refrain from depositing the checks drawn to his account for his salary, thus permitting the Society to retain the use of some \$600.00.

The item of fixtures, \$668.78. This expense was required in refitting the office of the Society, and represents only a part of the required expenditure. Nearly \$300 in addition to this amount has been ex-

pended in the present year, for the same purpose. We have put in an addressing machine, which has effected a saving of about 20 per cent on the investment in the distribution of the JOURNAL. This machine is also of very great advantage in saving time of the employees in sending out circular letters, etc.

**JOURNAL.** The JOURNAL expenses for the year, including commissions on advertising, amount to \$5,156.03; of this amount, however, \$982.23 was paid against the old indebtedness incurred prior to 1906. Thus, the cost of the JOURNAL from January to December, 1906, will be found to be \$4,163.80.

**ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.** The liabilities noted in the statement before you have all been paid since the first of the year, with the exception of the note for \$2,000.00, which is not payable until next year. The statement of accounts, April 1st, 1907, shows a better condition than we could have hoped, six or eight months ago.

**REGISTER.** The accounts for 1906 are charged with \$453.59, and credited with \$178.08 for Register account, leaving a net expense of \$275.51. This is not properly chargeable to the year 1906, as it was expense incurred in printing the Register of 1905.

It is obvious that the Register will continue to be a loss to the Society, for the reason that most advertisers who desire to appeal to physicians in this State, will use either the Register or the JOURNAL, but not both, and most of them prefer to use the JOURNAL. It is therefore suggested for your consideration that the Register be published the same size as the JOURNAL and be issued as a supplementary part of some number to be issued in the fall, at about the time the Register has heretofore been published. We believe that this will materially reduce the customary loss.

The Register for 1906 was published by Mr. Henry Kaplan at his own risk and expense, and not by the Society, consequently, no items of charge or receipt in connection with the Register are noted.

In order that the work of the Society may be placed upon the footing which it held prior to April 18, 1906, and in order that the remaining liability may be removed, your Council earnestly recommends to this House of Delegates, that the assessment for 1908 be made \$3 per member.

Furthermore, the Council on Pharmacy and Chemistry of the A. M. A. has now reported upon a very large number of preparations, and we are urged to adopt an advertising policy which will exclude from our publications the advertisements of all medicinal preparations which have not been approved by the Council. This will result in a loss of several hundred dollars, as the JOURNAL is now carrying advertisements of several preparations which have not been approved by the Council, and which doubtless will not be approved by it.

**Organization.** Probably the most valuable work which has ever been undertaken by our State Society is the active organization of the physicians in our State. For four years the work of organiza-

tion, as originally undertaken by your Council, was continued, and for most of that time, actively prosecuted. The disasters of last April, however, and the immediate necessity for the rehabilitation of the office and its machinery, rendered it impossible for us to continue the organization work, largely on account of the expense. In other States great interest is being awakened in medical organization and in joint discussions of topics of general public interest between medical societies, ministerial and bar organizations and public citizens generally.

Your Council believes most thoroughly that if this line of work be continued, if some member of this Society visit all the county societies in the State where public meetings may be arranged and where questions of vital public interest may be presented, not alone to physicians, but to prominent citizens, a vastly different feeling toward our profession will be brought about, and that our efforts in securing public health legislation and improved sanitary conditions will be greatly aided. Nor is this work of benefit to the public alone. There are many Counties in the State where the physicians are now receiving a minimum fee of \$5.00 for all insurance examinations, and this result has been brought about largely, if not entirely, through the organization work of the State Society. It is true that to continue this work and broaden it as herein recommended by your Council, will entail a certain amount of expense, which will have to be met in some way; nevertheless, we believe that the material benefits resulting will be speedily appreciated by practically all members of the Society.

C. G. KENYON,  
Chairman.

## REPORT OF THE SECRETARY AND EDITOR.

### *Mr. President and Delegates:*

As the duties of the Secretary and of the Editor are performed by the same individual, they will be embodied in this one report.

Owing to the impossibility of locating people immediately after the enforced adjournment of the Society last year, the Secretary was compelled to take upon himself the responsibility for doing many things without warrant of the Council. Whenever possible, however, one or more members of the Council were consulted. Thus it was taken for granted that the Society wished to continue the JOURNAL, and so the May number was brought out, with considerable trouble, in Oakland; for this we are largely indebted to Dr. Frank Adams, who guaranteed the account to the printer.

The action of the Secretary in ordering office furniture and equipment for the restoration of the office was subsequently approved by the Council at a regular meeting.

The regular publication of the JOURNAL was resumed in August and numbers were issued as rapidly as possible until we had caught up. Owing to lack of funds, however, the JOURNAL was reduced to 64 pages and has been held at that size up to the pres-